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May 14, 2008

Council President Lisa Borders  
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Dear President Borders and Members of Council:

**I hereby return with my veto, Ordinance# 07-O-2137**

On May 5, 2008 the Atlanta City Council adopted Ordinance# 07-O-2137 that proposes to create Section 98-26.1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Atlanta, Georgia to be entitled "Community policing, training and preparedness" (CoPTAP) Program which shall require that all members of each class of graduates from the police academy, be assigned to foot patrol duty for a period of not less than eight weeks; to waive all ordinances, rules, regulations, policies, practices, and procedures in conflict herewith; and for other purposes.

This ordinance serves to codify a policy that is truly an operations matter. The Chief of Police must be provided the flexibility to deploy staff in accordance with public safety needs as they arise. Chief Pennington and I concur with the City Council that foot patrols provide a great presence on our streets. As a matter of fact, the Police Department is currently utilizing foot patrols whenever appropriate and possible. In spite of this mutual desire to have foot patrols, I do not agree with this legislation.

Based on the rationale as outlined in this letter, I am requesting that you sustain my veto of Ordinance # 07-O-2137.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shirley Franklin", written over a horizontal line.

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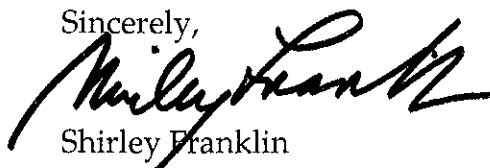
**I hereby return with my veto, Ordinance# 08-O-0819**

On May 5, 2008 the Atlanta City Council adopted Ordinance# 08-O-0819 that proposes to amend Chapter 114, personnel, Article IV, Classification Plan and Pay Plan of the Code of Ordinances, City of Atlanta, Georgia, so as to delete Section 114-120 Compensation Committee; and for other purposes

This ordinance purports to eliminate the entire Compensation Committee comprised of the Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Commissioner of the Department of Human Resources, President of the City Council, and Chairperson of the City Council's Finance/Executive Committee. Per all accounts, the Compensation Committee has functioned effectively, fairly, and in a fiscally responsible manner. The committee has been very cognizant of the departmental budgets and has reviewed each case in great detail before passing judgment and making a decision. In my opinion to resort to the former process will be cumbersome and inefficient.

Based on the rationale as outlined in this letter, I am requesting that you sustain my veto of **Ordinance # 08-O-0819**.

Sincerely,



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Dear President Borders and Members of Council:

**I hereby return with my veto, Resolution # 08-R-1014**

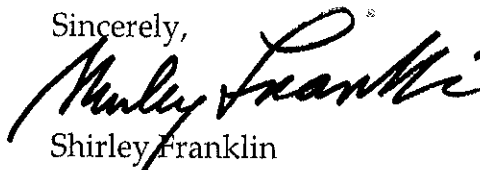
On May 5, 2008 the Atlanta City Council adopted Resolution # **08-R-1014** that proposes to request and authorize the City Auditor through the Audit Committee to contract for and oversee an independent external audit of the City of Atlanta Water and Sewer Funds prior to an increase in the City's Water and Sewer rates. This resolution also requests an emergency procurement of services, and for other purposes.

This legislation was introduced and adopted during the May 5<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting, without the opportunity to engage in meaningful dialogue with the Administration, Finance Department, or the Law Department.

While there are aspects of this resolution I find satisfactory, most of the proposed actions give me reason for great pause. After a review of this hastily drafted and adopted legislation, I found it to be technically flawed and unacceptable.

Based on the rationale as outlined in this letter, I am requesting that you sustain my veto of **Resolution # 08-O-1014**.

Sincerely,



Shirley Franklin